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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Bryan Hall

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

N. University Ave. and 13th St.

STREET & NUMBER  
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NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN  
Gainesville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Second

STATE  
Florida

VICINITY OF  
CODE  
12

COUNTY  
Alachua

CODE  
001

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund

STREET & NUMBER  
Elliot Building

CITY, TOWN  
Tallahassee

VICINITY OF  
STATE  
Florida 32304

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund

STREET & NUMBER  
Elliot Building

CITY, TOWN  
Tallahassee

STATE  
Florida 32304

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bryan Hall represents a peculiar and possibly unique variation of the collegiate Gothic style of campus architecture. Campus architect William Edwards retained many ordinary elements of his previous buildings; however, Bryan Hall has neither parapet nor cornice. Bracketed eaves remarkably similar to those of bungalow style houses of the period set Bryan apart from its campus contemporaries.

The original structure was T-shaped, with the stem oriented north to south; it was crossed at its southern extremity. Bryan Hall underwent considerable modification between 1948 and 1950. Its interior was renovated during 1948 in order to accommodate the "Law Addition" wing, which was completed in 1950. This was oriented west to east; its western end is joined to the former north end of the original structure.

The exterior walls are red brick masonry laid in American bond, ornamented by stone coping along the gables, lintels, and sills. Scrolls, shields, and other devices appropriate to the collegiate Gothic style are also rendered in stone. Fenestration is irregular and consists largely of nine over nine, double-hung sash windows.

Building entrances on the east and west are recessed under Tudor arches; the west entry originally functioned as Bryan Hall's main entrance, and it is set under a stone scroll bearing the legend "College of Law" in bas relief.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1914

BUILDER/ARCHITECT William Edwards

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bryan Hall is historically significant to the University of Florida as the first "permanent" home of the College of Law, which is the second oldest law school in the state. The Law College was founded in 1909 with an initial class of thirty-one students. It occupied space in Thomas Hall and moved to Language (now Anderson) Hall shortly thereafter.<sup>1</sup> The Florida Board of Control ordered preparation of plans for a new building to house the College of Law in 1913, and construction began in 1914.<sup>2</sup> The structure was completed and occupied in November of the same year.<sup>3</sup>

Bryan Hall has a certain added significance as a point of experimental departure for the principal campus architect, William Edwards. Unlike his other University of Florida buildings, Bryan was designed to be an austere structure; however, its bracketed eaves, typical of the bungalow residential style so popular in Florida at the time, provide a distinct contrast with Edwards' other campus structures.

<sup>1</sup>"Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Preservation of Significant Buildings and On-Campus Sites, May 24, 1977," (report directed to University of Florida Executive Vice President, Dr. Harold P. Hanson), pp. 4-5.

<sup>2</sup>Gainesville Daily Sun, October 19, 1913, p. 2, c. 2; February 15, 1914, p. 6, c. 1; February 25, 1914, p. 1, c. 2.

<sup>3</sup>Florida Alligator, November 27, 1914, p. 1, c. 5, p. 4, c. 2.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than One, Building Only

UTM REFERENCES

A 

1	7	37	0	26	10	3	2	80	6	80
ZONE		EASTING			NORTHING					

B 

ZONE		EASTING			NORTHING				

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Building Only.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John A. Scafidi, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Florida Division of Archives, History & Rec. Mgt.

DATE

November 1, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Department of State, The Capitol

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Tallahassee

STATE

Florida 32304

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*[Signature]* 12/8/78

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

*[Signature]*

DATE 6.22.79  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*

DATE

June 26, 1979

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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As at other state universities, expressions of the collegiate gothic style of architecture on the University of Florida campus probably constitute a logical response to a felt need for a sense of dignity and timelessness. The founding of the completely new campus in 1905, the necessity for designing and constructing many new buildings in rapid succession, together with constraints imposed by dependence on legislative sources for the major portions of university funds, made for utilitarian expressions of the style. Thus, the architecture of early University of Florida buildings descends in general rather than specific fashion from earlier collegiate gothic designs.

The buildings are of substantial masonry construction, accented by the familiar stone arches and terra cotta trim; gables are steep, particularly for an area which is free of weather which would make steep roof pitches desirable. These elements of the prevailing style of college and university construction were utilized freely to achieve a specific purpose at the new Gainesville campus, to create the impression of age and substance.

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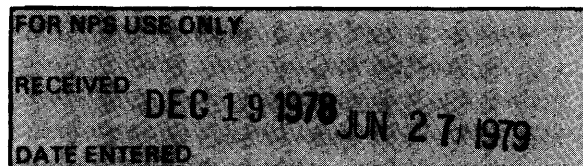
The University of Florida traces its roots to 1853; however, that early date is significant for the foundation of the East Florida Seminary, only one of several components consolidated in the Buckman Act of 1905. That Act identified and addressed the need for a comprehensive system of higher education for Florida by creating three new institutions from the colleges, seminaries, and institutes which had hitherto received state monies. The new institutions included schools designated for women, blacks, and men. The last became the University of Florida.

After lengthy discussion, the Board of Control, set up under the Buckman Act to superintend higher education, decided to locate the men's institution at Gainesville, home of the East Florida Seminary. Since the Seminary buildings were in rather poor condition, the Board decided to establish a new campus for the University rather than renovate the older Seminary structures. A comprehensive plan for the new campus was designed by William A. Edwards of the South Carolina architectural firm of Edwards and Walter. Edwards later designed most of the campus buildings erected before the Second World War.

Edwards' campus gradually grew to include specialized and multiple-purpose structures devoted to both academic and vocational courses of instruction in the liberal arts, education, agriculture, the sciences, law, and other fields. The University of Florida was the state's earliest concrete symbol of a commitment to comprehensive education for men, and the institution retained that position until 1947, when Florida State College for Women, successor to the Buckman Act's Florida Female College, was designated a co-educational institution, Florida State University.

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Located at the northeast corner of the University of Florida campus, Gainesville, Florida, near the intersection of West University Avenue and 13th Street, east of Matherly Hall.

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